

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-14 Cancelled

15. (Currently amended) A cam follower provided with a sheet metal rocker arm comprising:

a sheet metal rocker arm formed of a metal plate and provided with a pair of side walls substantially parallel to each other, and a connecting portion for connecting the side walls to each other;

a pivot fixed to bridge over said paired side walls by ~~caulking~~ plastically deforming both end portions of the pivot to the inner peripheral surfaces of a pair of through holes formed at positions aligned with each other on the side walls, bridging the through holes; and

a roller supported rotatably around a middle part of the pivot;

wherein a gap between the portions provided with said through holes on the paired side walls prior to the ~~caulking~~ plastically deforming of both end portions of said pivot is made wider than a gap between said portions when both end portions of said pivot have been ~~caulked~~ plastically deformed, so as to make

said paired side walls parallel to each other when both end portions of the pivot have been ~~caulked~~ plastically deformed.

16. (Currently amended) A method of assembling a cam follower provided with a sheet metal rocker arm, which is formed of a metal plate and comprises a pair of side walls and a connecting portion ~~for~~ connecting the side walls to each other and in which a pair of through holes are formed at positions aligned to each other on both side walls, comprising the steps of:

inserting a pivot into a roller and said paired side walls such that the roller is disposed between said paired side walls, thereafter ~~caulking~~ plastically deforming both end portions of the pivot toward the inner peripheral surfaces of the paired through holes, whereby the pivot is fixed to bridge over the paired side walls;

wherein a gap between the portions provided with the paired through holes on the paired side walls, prior to the ~~caulking~~ plastically deforming of both end portions of said pivot is made wider than a gap between said portions when both end portions of said pivot have been ~~caulked~~ plastically deformed, and the gap between the portions with said through holes formed ~~thereof~~ therein is narrowed upon ~~caulking~~ plastically deforming both end portion of the pivot, thereby making the paired side walls parallel to each other.